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SUBJECT: REROUTE TGP-2 DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK

1. TGP-2 DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK IS ROUTED VIA SATEL-
LITE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EUROPE (BERNE, SWITZERLAND) AND
THENCE TO MOSCOW VIA HF RADIO FACILITIES. RECONFIGURATION
OF THIS CIRCUIT IS NOW NECESSARY SINCE THE HF RADIO FACI-
LITIES PROVIDED BY SWITZERLAND ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED BY
THE SWISS.

2. DURING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED DCL TALKS IN MOSCOW, THE
U.S. CHAIRMAN (MR. NAEHER) DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH MR.
YURI SAVITSKIY, USSR MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, ADVISING
HIM OF THE CONTEMPLATED ACTION BY THE SWISS AND PROPOSED
THAT TGP-2 BE ROUTED VIA SUBMARINE CABLE FACILITIES BETWEEN
THE U.S. AND ITALY AND EXTENDED TO MOSCOW VIA LANDLINE.
MR. SAVITSKIY AGREED TO REPLACEMENT OF HF FACILITIES AND
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ADVISED THAT THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD

NEED TO APPROVE THE RE-ROUTING IN NEW YORK-MOSCOW T-2 SYSTEM, SO DESIGNATED BY THE SOVIETS.

3. THE SOVIET T-2 SYSTEM WAS ACCEPTABLE SINCE IT DOES PROVIDE A DIVERSIFIED TERRESTRIAL ROUTE. THE SOVIETS ALSO

AGREED TO SHARE THE COST OF THE NEW CIRCUIT ON AN EQUAL BASIS.

4. IN VIEW FOREGOING, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS A NOTE BE FORWARDED TO THE MFA PROPOSING THE NEW TGP-2 ROUTE, COST SHARING ARRANGEMENT AND APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE RE-ROUTE. THE NOTE SHOULD STIPULATE THAT ONCE THE NEW ROUTE IS ACCEPTABLE, THE EXISTING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND USSR REGARDING THE DCL (JUNE 20-1963) AND THE ANNEX THERETO, WILL NEED REVISION TO REFLECT THE NEW ROUTE - SPECIFICALLY PARA 1 (C) OF THE ANNEX AND 3(B) OF THE RECOMMENDATION.

5. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN A USSR NOTE DATED MARCH 28, 1974, NUMBER 10/USAD TO AMEMBASSY A REVISION WAS MADE TO THE DCL AGREEMENT WHEN THE TGP-2 RADIO CIRCUIT WAS RE-ROUTED FROM TANGIERS TO BERNE. THE SAME WILL APPLY TO PROPERLY RECORD THE T-2 ROUTING.

6. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN THE NOTE HAS BEEN SENT AND A COPY FURNISHED THE DEPARTMENT SOONEST. UPON RECEIPT OF FAVORABLE REPLY, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO EFFECT THE RE-ROUTE.

7. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT NOTE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO USE.QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA WISHES TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR THAT THE DIRECT RADIO TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT TGP-2 BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW AS STIPULATED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK DATED JUNE 20, 1963 AND AS AMENDED BY USSR NOTE IO/USAD DATED MARCH 28, 1974 MUST BE REROUTED IN A NEW SYSTEM SINCE THE HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO PORTION OF THE CIRCUIT BETWEEN BERNE AND MOSCOW IS SCHEDULED FOR DEACTIVATION VERY SHORTLY BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SWISS AUTHORITIES.

ACCORDINGLY IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT TGP-2 BE ROUTED FROM THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IN A SUBMARINE CABLE SYSTEM BETWEEN NEW YORK AND ROME (TAT5) AND THENCE TO MOSCOW VIA TERRESTIAL FACILITIES. THIS OVERALL SYSTEM IS REFERRED TO AS THE NEW YORK-MOSCOW T-2 ROUTE AND IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS,

IT WAS SUGGESTED BY THESE OFFICIALS THAT THIS SYSTEM
WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE REPLACEMENT AS IT A HIGHLY
RELIABLE PATH.

IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON THIS NEW TGP-2 ROUTING, IT

WILL BE NECESSARY THAT THE 1963 DCL AGREEMENT REFLECT
THIS CHANGE. ALSO IT IS PROPOSED THAT ALL COSTS FOR THIS
NEW ROUTE BE SHARED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR.
THESE CHANGES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PRESENT
DCL AGREEMENT AS WELL AS THE ANNEX.

IT IS REQUESTED THE PROPOSAL DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTE BE
REVIEWED AND IF IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET SIDE
ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW ROUTING.
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